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DOCKET NO. CV 11-02463 JCS	DATE FILED 5/20/11	U.S. DISTRICT COURT 450 Golden Gate Avenue, 16 th Floor, San Francisco CA 94102
PLAINTIFF EIT HOLDINGS, LLC		DEFENDANT EHARMONY.COM
PATENT OR TRADEMARK NO.	DATE OF PATENT OR TRADEMARK	HOLDER OF PATENT OR TRADEMARK
1 5,828,837		***See Attach Complaint***
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In the above—entitled case, the following patent(s) have been included:

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In the above—entitled case, the following decision has been rendered or judgement issued:

DECISION/JUDGEMENT

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15 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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16 EIT HOLDINGS LLC, a Delaware company,

17 Plaintiffs,

18 vs.

19 eHARMONY.COM, Inc. a Delaware
20 Corporation,

21 Defendants.

Case No.

CV 11-02463

ORIGINAL COMPLAINT
FOR: PATENT INFRINGEMENT

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

22 ORIGINAL COMPLAINT

23 Plaintiff EIT Holdings LLC ("Plaintiff" or "EIT"), files this Original Complaint against
24 eHarmony.com, Inc. ("eHarmony") alleging as follows:

25 THE PARTIES

26 1. Plaintiff, EIT Holdings LLC is a limited liability company organized under the
27 laws of the state of Delaware, having its principal place of business at 2711 Centerville Road,
28 Suite 400, Wilmington, DE, 19808.

2. Defendant eHarmony, on information and belief, is a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Delaware, and has a principal place of business at 888 E. Walnut Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101. eHarmony can be served through its Counsel, Ryan M. Kent, Durie Tangri, 217 Leidesdorff Street, San Francisco, CA 94111.

JURISDICTION & VENUE

3. This is an action for infringement of a United States patent. Accordingly, this action arises under the patent laws of the United States of America, 35 U.S.C. § 1 et seq., and jurisdiction is properly based on 35 U.S.C. § 271 and 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a).

4. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b-c) and 1400(b). Upon information and belief, the Defendant transacts or has transacted business in this judicial district, or committed and/or induced acts of patent infringement in this district.

PATENT INFRINGEMENT COUNT

5. On December 10, 2010, EIT filed a patent infringement action against multiple Defendants, including eHarmony, in the Northern District of California (C-10-05623-WHA) before the Honorable William H. Alsup. On May 11, 2011, Judge Alsup held that the Defendants, including eHarmony, were improperly joined. He dismissed all except the first-named Defendant and invited counsel to re-file against each Defendant in a separation action.

6. On October 27, 1998, United States Patent No. 5,828,837 ("the '837 patent") entitled "Computer Network System and Method for Efficient Information Transfer" was duly and legally issued. EIT holds the title by mesne assignments from the inventor, including the right to sue for past, present and future damages. A copy of the '837 patent is attached as Exhibit A. The '837 patent is directed to a method and system that maintains a profile for registered users and then transmits references to target information to the users based on their profile.

7. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 282, the '837 patent is presumed valid.

8. To the extent necessary, Plaintiff has complied with the notice and marking requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 287.

9. eHarmony utilizes a website that provides commercial and non-commercial information or allow users to buy products or services. Its website allows users to register and

1 create a user account, which includes a unique id such as a unique email address or a user defined
2 unique username for ordering or accessing information. eHarmony receives and stores information
3 about the users in a database through the use of a web connected server. When a registered user
4 accesses eHarmony's website, references to commercial and non-commercial target information,
5 such as advertisements, additional content on areas of interest or information about additional
6 products, are transmitted to the user and displayed on his or her web accessible device including
7 but not limited to a desktop computer, a laptop computer, a mobile phone or a game console.
8 eHarmony determines appropriate target information for each user based on the user profile
9 information including but not limited to demographics, personal preferences, interests, past
10 content viewing history and past purchase history.

11 10. eHarmony, on information and belief, utilizes a computer network system and
12 method for transferring information that infringes at least claims 40 and 41 of the '837 patent, by
13 utilizing the features described in Paragraph 9 on at least its website www.eHarmony.com and/or
14 other websites utilizing similar features. By making, operating, using and/or selling such websites,
15 eHarmony has infringed and continues to infringe, contribute to the infringement of, or induce the
16 infringement of at least claims 40 and 41 of the '837 patent, either literally or under the doctrine
17 of equivalents.

18 11. Accordingly, eHarmony's acts of infringement of the '837 patent, as alleged above,
19 have injured Plaintiff and thus, Plaintiff is entitled to recover damages adequate to compensate it
20 for eHarmony's acts of infringement, which in no event can be less than a reasonable royalty.

21 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

22 12. Plaintiff hereby demands a jury trial on all claims and issues.

23 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

24 Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for entry of judgment:

25 1. that Defendant eHarmony, Inc. has infringed one or more claims, specifically
26 claims 40 and 41, of the '837 patent;

27 2. that Defendant eHarmony, Inc. accounts for and pays to Plaintiff all damages
28 caused by the infringement of the '837 patent, which by statute can be no less than a reasonable

1 royalty;

2 3. that Plaintiff be granted pre-judgment and post-judgment interest on the damages
3 caused to them by reason of Defendant eHarmony, Inc.'s infringement of the '837 patent;

4 4. that costs be awarded to Plaintiff and

5 5. that Plaintiff be granted such other and further relief as the Court may deem just
6 and proper under the current circumstances.

7 Dated: May 20, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

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